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For: **A METHOD FOR GENERATING HYPERMUTABLE ORGANISMS**

**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the final Office Action mailed August 10, 2004. A Notice of Appeal was filed on February 10, 2005. Please charge the fee for a one-month extension of time and any other fee that may be due to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Claims 60-62, 71-75, and 81-87 are pending and stand rejected. Claims 88-96 have been added. Claims 60, 61, and 71 were amended in the response to final Office Action dated January 10, 2005. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments to claims 60, 61, and 71 and consideration the remarks in the response dated January 10, 2005. The amendments and remarks in this paper are supplementary to those amendments and remarks.

The following item accompanies this amendment:

- Request for Continued Examination.

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